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MEMORIAL STONE  
Union Meeting House, Parker Ford, Pa.  
Unveiled, October 24, 1908

# Program

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Invocation .....Rev. L. K. Evans, D. D.  
Family Hymn.....The Association  
Scripture Reading.....The Association  
Prayer.....Rev. Silas M. Grubb  
Unveiling of Memorial Stone.....

Masters Robert Grubb and Henry Lincoln Wanger  
Presentation.....Chairman of Committee on Memorial Stone  
Acceptance.....President of Association  
Singing—"The Maple Leaf,".....

Misses Gertrude, Dorothy and Rebecca Wanger  
(In honor of our Canadian Brethren.)  
Oration.....Martin G. Brumbaugh, Ph.D., LL.D.  
Singing—"America," .....The Association  
Address.....Hon. S. W. Pennypacker, LL.D.  
Reports.....

Committee on Necrology, Rev. C. H. Slinghoff, Chairman  
Election of Officers.  
Singing—"God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again"....The Association

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There will be one session; the exercises to begin promptly at 2 P. M. The place of meeting is a short distance from Parkerford Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Trains on that day will stop here going East 8.23, 11.50, 2.07, 4.30, 7.11; West 10.11, 11.50, 2.07, 2.50, 5.15, 6.52, 9.16.

Teams will meet the trains and will carry persons for five cents.

Meals and light lunch can be secured on the ground at reasonable rates.

As there is still a small amount due on the Memorial Stone, will those who have not contributed kindly send their remittance to Jonas S. Wagner, treasurer, Portstown, Pa.? Any surplus in this fund will be used to care for the graves of others connected with the family.

# Officers

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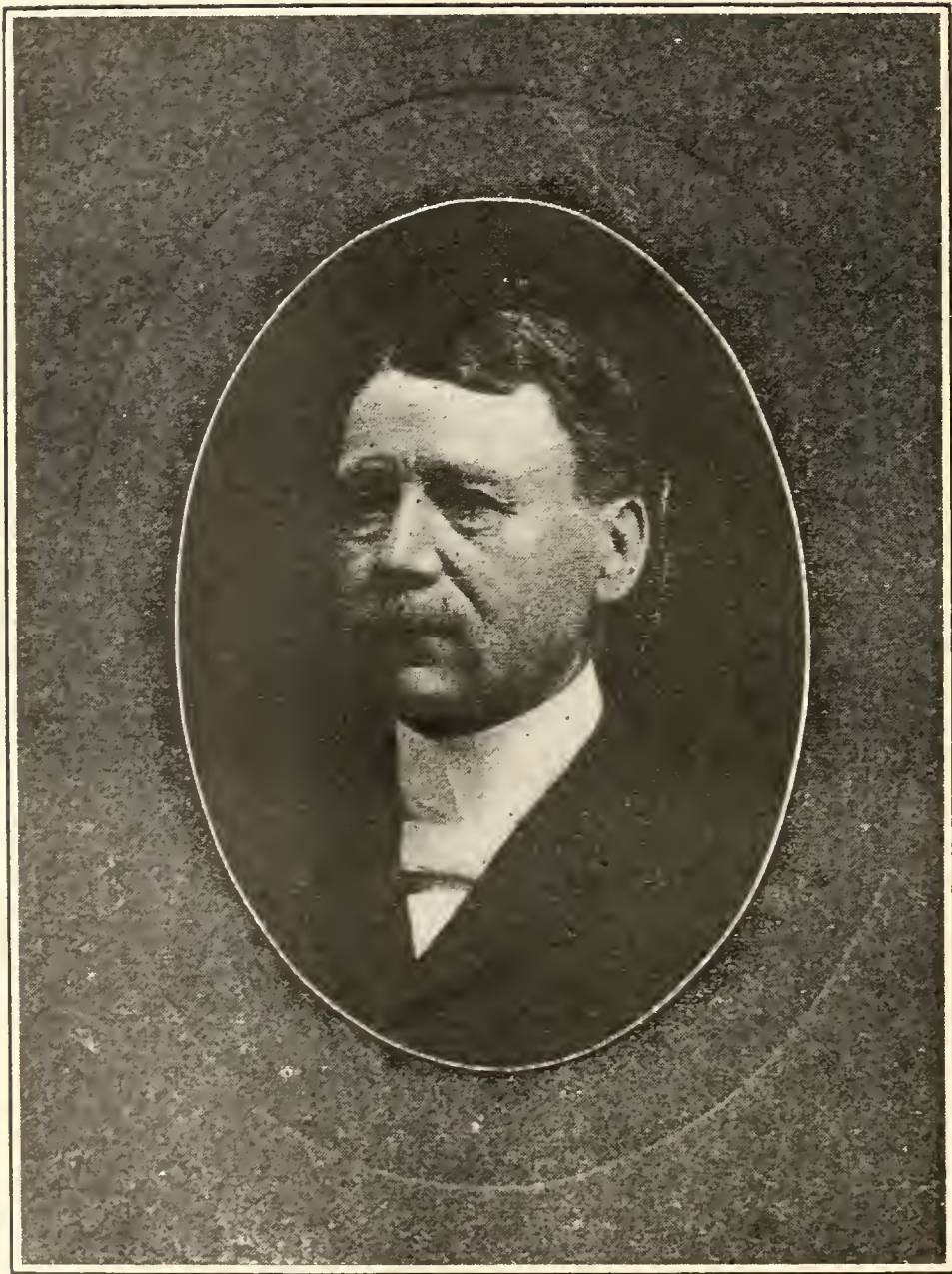
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The fourth annual reunion of the Grubb Family Association was held at Parkerford, Chester County, Pa., on Saturday October 24, 1908. In connection with which a memorial stone was unveiled over the graves of Abraham and Elizabeth Frey Grubb. The opening exercises were held in the cemetery where promptly at the hour of 2 o'clock, the exercises were opened by Rev. N. B. Grubb, pastor First Mennonite Church of Philadelphia, the president of the Association, who called upon Rev. L. K. Evans, D.D., of Pottstown, to invoke the divine blessing on the occasion.

After the invocation, the family hymn, composed by Rev. Silas M. Grubb, pastor of the Second Mennonite Church of Philadelphia, was sung by the Association to the tune of Nettleton.





REV. L. KRYDER EVANS, D. D.  
Pastor Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa.

## GRUBB RE-UNION HYMN.

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By Rev. Silas M. Grubb.

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As we gather in re-union  
Branch of Noble Family old,  
Grateful lineage of our fathers  
Deeds of good in us re-told.  
So the name of Grubb we honor  
In the daily walks of life,  
So perpetuate the blessings  
That in olden days were rife.

In the martyrdom they suffered,  
In the years of lowly fame,  
There our fathers wrought the glory  
Of our noble honored name.  
Far in Denmark's early history  
Of our Lord's one thousandth year  
Sprung the line of goodly lineage  
That is represented here.

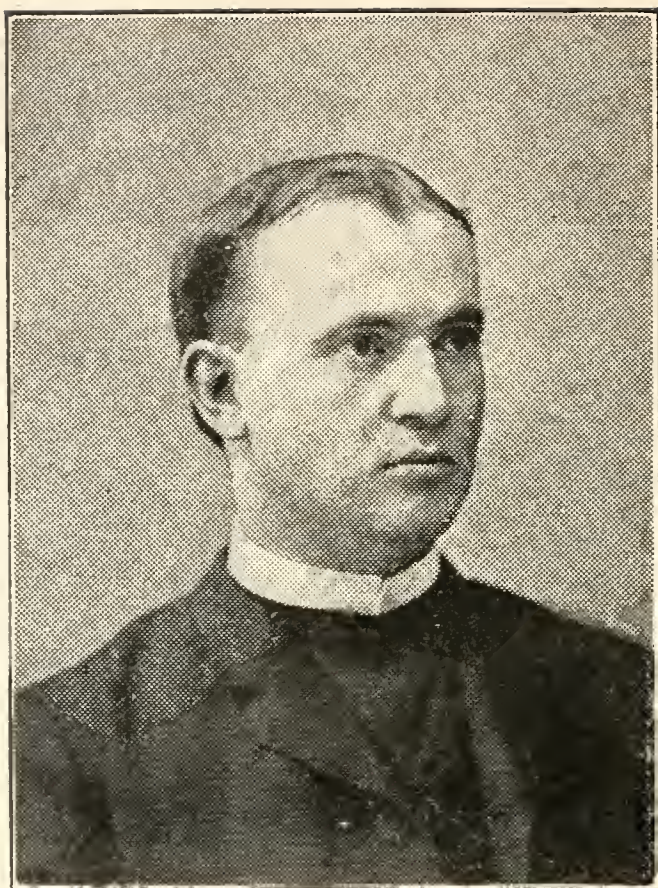
To the blessed shores of Freedom,  
Came the scions of our race,  
Unmolested here to worship  
In the blessed land of peace.  
So came Henry Grubb our forebare,  
Seventeen seventeen was the time;  
So upon this glad occasion  
Let your voice his praises chime.

Now altho' afar they're scattered  
Through the countries of the earth,  
Theirs a heritage of blessing  
Theirs to further deeds of worth.  
As with mankind here we mingle,  
Let the name of Grubb be known,  
Let the good deed of our fathers  
Everywhere by us be shown.

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Tune.—Austrian Hymn.  
Can also be sung to Nettleton—"Come Thou  
Fount of Every Blessing."





REV. SILAS M. GRUBB  
Pastor Second Mennonite Church  
Philadelphia, Pa.



REV. WILLIAM H. GRUBB  
Pastor Bethel Mennonite Church  
Perkasie, Pa.

After the singing of the family hymn, a scripture lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. Slinghoff, who selected Matthew 5. 1-16. This was followed by a fervent prayer, offered by Rev. William H. Grubb, pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church of Perkaspie, Pa.

Until now the memorial stone had been covered by the Stars and Stripes, the American Flag. The covering that veiled the stone was now removed by Masters Robert Roth Grubb of Philadelphia and Henry Lincoln Wanger of Pottstown, both fourth great grandsons of Abraham Grubb. Then George F. P. Wanger of Pottstown, historian and corresponding secretary of the Association, presented the stone in the following words:

"Mr. President and Members of the Grubb Family Association. It is indeed a pleasant duty for your committee to present to you this granite memorial, erected in memory of Abraham, one of the sons of Henry Grubb, our pioneer ancestor of Frederick Township, and of his wife Elizabeth Frea or Frey.

"Some years ago in passing through this cemetery we found that the stone at the head of the grave of Abraham Grubb was broken off and the location of the last resting place of our ancestor was liable to be lost. Then began the effort which culminates to-day in these unveiling exercises.

"We believe it to be our duty to care for the graves of our ancestors and that the erection of this modest stone to-day is the beginning of a work which it is our bounden duty to perform.

"In the meadow of the Faust farm in Frederick Township, Montgomery County, lies the remains of Conrad Grubb, a brother of him to whose memory we erect this stone and Anna his wife. No fences mark the lines of the burial plot, cattle roam at will over the graves of our deceased kinsman. Something should be done for their protection, either enclose the place with a permanent fence, or





**REV. CHARLES H. SLINGHOFF**  
**Pastor Brownbacks Reformed Church, Spring City, Pa.**



**MR. GEORGE F. P. WANGER, Pottstown, Pa.**  
**Historian and Corresponding Secretary Grubb Family Association**



move the remains with the tombstones to either Keelor's Church or Bertolet's Meeting where they would be taken care of for all time.

"Within sight of this yard, at Brownback's Church, lies the body of Henry Grubb, said to have come from Switzerland in 1743. He was the progenitor of a large family—many of those here to-day are among his decendants, his grave is only marked by a sandstone which is fast going to ruin and we should replace it with a permanent marker.

"Your Committee thanks the Association for its support and asks the acceptance of this rustic stone which marks the result of their labors."

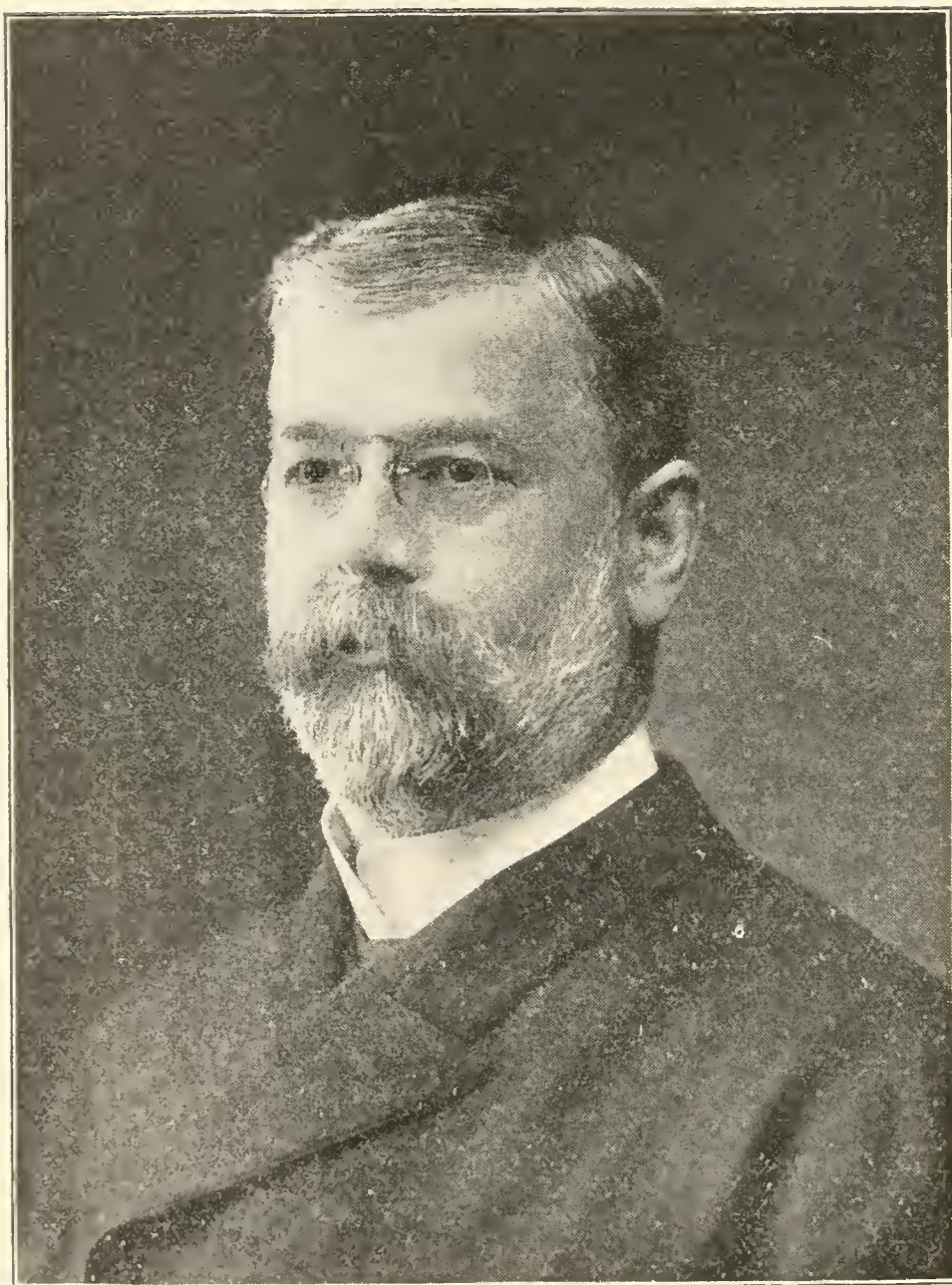
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Rev. N. B. Grubb, president of the Association, who presided over the exercises of the day, accepted the memorial on behalf of the Association in the following words:

*\*Fathers, Brethren, Kinsfolk:* We are standing on sacred ground and methinks I hear the voice that once spake to Moses repeating to us this day that same message, 'Take thy shoes from off thy feet for the ground on which thou standest is holy ground.'

"Within the enclosure of this, God's acre, lie the remains of seven generations, the decendants of Abraham Grubb and Elizabeth, his wife. Just one hundred years ago the body of Abraham Grubb, whose memory we have come to honor to-day in an especial manner were laid to rest in this grave to await the call in the resurrection morning; and fifteen years later the body of his beloved wife, Elizabeth, was laid by his side, in the hope that they both would have part in that first resurrection and together be with their Lord and Master in His Kingdom for evermore.

"When we remember these sturdy and God-fearing ancestors, we feel that it is not mere sentiment that has brought us here, but that we have come to perform a sacred duty, a duty we owe them for the goodly heritage



REV. N. B. GRUBB  
Pastor First Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, Pa.  
President Grubb Family Association

*Myself of the Grubb Family*  
*Hermon*



they have handed down to us through the many generations.

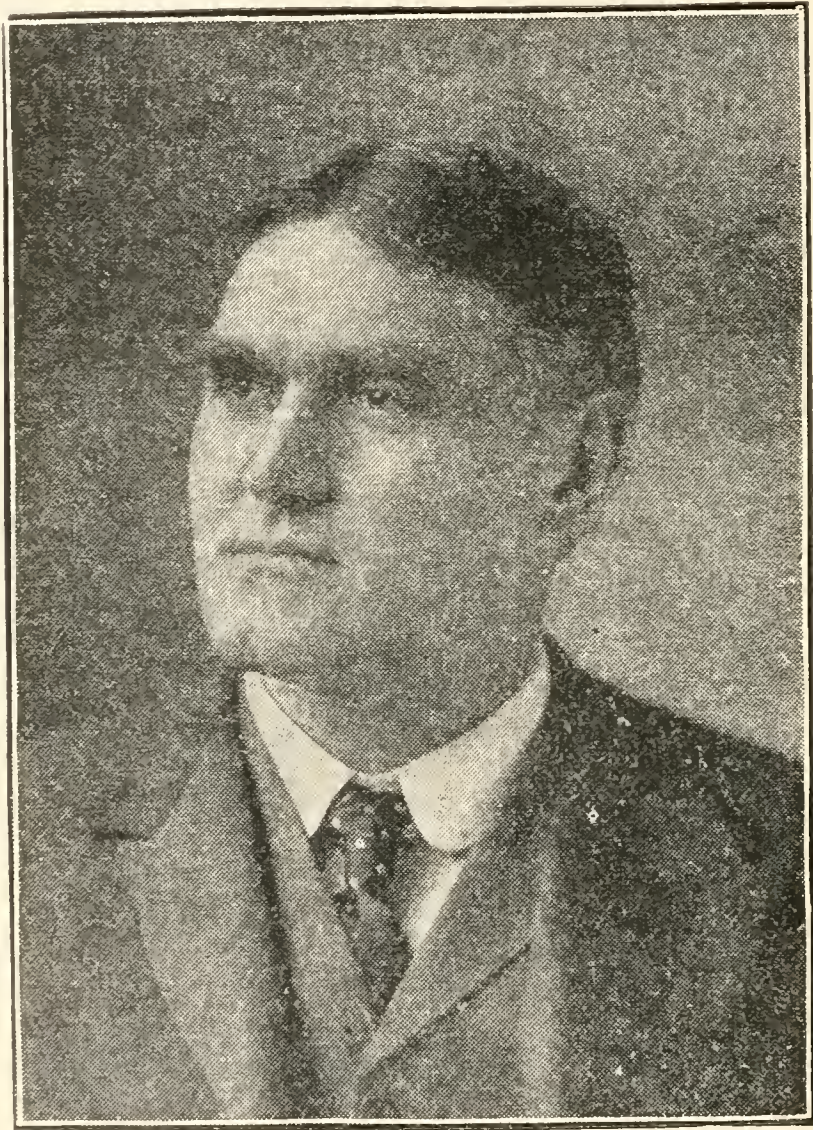
“Love and gratitude prompted this Association to direct the appointment of a committee, that a suitable marker be procured and placed to mark the graves of Abraham and Elizabeth Grubb. The committee has performed the work assigned to them and we rejoice together at the result of their work.

“The duty of our committee was well performed in the selection and the erection of this stone, and now they present this memorial of imperishable granite, which stands before you. Grand and massive in its proportions, emblematic of strength and fortitude, conspicuous in its appropriateness, it exemplifies in its rugged exterior, the courage and determination and unconquerable spirit of the type of men who in their day and generation labored with unceasing devotion for the best interests of their posterity, and thus laid the foundation upon which was erected by those who came after them the greatest and grandest nation and its government, ever known to man, a government supported by the pillars of justice and equal rights; a government over which proudly float the stars and stripes and in its folds offering an asylum for the oppressed of all nations, vouchsafing to them and their posterity the greatest boon to humanity—the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty.

“It is with unfeigned feeling of gratitude, appreciating the high honor bestowed upon me, that I may this day in the name of the Grubb Family Association and in the name of all his descendants, who are known and honored in all sections of this favored land, accept this memorial, erected to perpetuate the memory of Abraham Grubb and his beloved wife, Elizabeth.

“May I express the wish that this stone of memorial may tend to refresh in our memories the momentous events of the days of our forefathers, and may we have in our minds the higher appreciation of the blessings which through their

sacrifices have come to us as to no other people on the face of this old earth. When the children of coming generations shall chance to stop before this memorial, and shall ask, 'What mean ye by this stone,' tell them that by the God-fearing and self-sacrificing life of our forefathers they have secured to us and to them, through toils, and sufferings and



**MARTIN GROVE BRUMBAUGH, Ph. D., L. L. D.**  
**Superintendent Public Schools, Philadelphia, Pa.**

privations and by their patriotism, these liberty-loving pioneers, civil and religious liberty, through which we have become the grandest and the best nation upon which the sun sheds his light."

At this point the exercises were transferred to the Meeting House adjoining the cemetery. Here the Misses Ger-



trude. Dorothy and Rebecca Wanger of Pottstown sang "The Maple Leaf" in honor of the Canadian members of the Association, Mr. Charles Grubb, of Toronto, joining them.

The chairman then read a letter from Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Schools, who was to be one of the speakers. He deeply regretted to be obliged to be absent, but on account of the serious illness of his mother, he considered it his first duty to be near her side.

Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, former Governor of Pennsylvania, who was also an honored guest of the Association, was then introduced and spoke as follows:

*"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:* It is a great pleasure to me to be permitted to participate in your celebration. I am not a Grubb in any way and I was unaware that I had any relationship with any of you. But it was my good fortune outside a while ago to meet a lady who said she was a Grubb and that she was a cousin of mine.

"There is much to gratify us. We are glad for the goodly land; glad for yonder hills; glad for the river with its ugly but its dear old Dutch name. We are glad for the bit of blue sky we see coming out amongst the clouds. We are glad for the promise of rains to put out the forest fires and make the wheat grow. We are glad for this assemblage of strong men and attractive women.

"Patriotism, like every other virtue, begins at home. Those people who are looking abroad to discover heroes are generally very much mistaken. There are as many heroes here, around about you, as you will find anywhere.

"I need not tell you about this locality. When Washington and his army were trying to keep Howe from getting into Philadelphia, Washington crossed the river right here where we are. I want to call your attention to something else. Pennsylvania is the greatest manufacturing State



EX-GOVERNOR SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER  
Pennypacker Mills, Pa.

*My Good Friend*



of this country. The wealth of this country depends most largely upon the development of the manufacturing interests of this and other commonwealths. This is the iron age. The man who first found that iron ore could be converted into useful form brought about all the civilization that we could see about us. The power of Pennsylvania came from its iron industries, and they began near here, on the other side of the river, a few miles above, at Pine Forge and near Colebrookdale. A few years later a forge was built at Warwick and Coventry and the Potts' people had them all. Edward Parker had boats to take the iron from these places to Philadelphia. The Grubbs helped in this early iron industry. I know a little about the Grubbs. When we come down to later time, we see representatives of the family round about us. I heard a man say that the best sermon he ever heard was delivered by the man who introduced me. I don't pretend to say he was correct, but he was in earnest.

"I find that there was expected to be here to-day that forceful and able man, the representative the United States Government had at the head of the schools in Porto Rico, who refused the presidency of State College, a man better known in educational circles than any other in the United States. He is now president and superintendent of the Philadelphia public schools, and they tell me he is a Grubb.

"I met a friend outside who fought in thirty-five battles of the Civil War. His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and I discovered he was a Grubb. You, therefore, have been doing your work in the world.

"The world is better to-day than ever it was. Its moral principles are more highly developed. Men and women are living on a higher plane than ever they did before. But there are certain manifestations which do not mean for good. It is a period when all are on the move: when the substantial is abandoned and the light and frivolous attract

attention. An automobile represents the spirit of the times.

"There is an instability and uncertainty about our lives. Men and women used to stay at home. It was the ambition of every married couple to have a home of their own. Now they want to be on the go. They must have a country home and a city home. They are not satisfied with their husbands and wives and the newspapers are full of the stories of unhappy lives in which affinities figure. This indicates the tendency of our life.

"The value to the community, to the State and to the Nation of men and women like yours and mine, who have been content to live in this section of the country for 150 to 200 years and still find pleasure in it; women who are taught to cook, men who are taught to raise corn, who represent the steady, the stable and the firm, can not be overestimated."

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Rev. L. Kryder Evans, D.D., pastor of Trinity Reformed Church of Pottstown, Pa., which pastorate he held for thirty-seven years, was next introduced and spoke as follows:

"I feel highly complimented at being asked to say something here. Governor Pennypacker and I are members of the Pennsylvania German Society. I met people to-day who say I am related to the Grubbs. We had such a fine address by our former Governor that I feel there is little for me to say. I would like to say a few words on character building.

"When we recall our fathers and mothers, we are unanimous that they were men and women of character. Character is not something inherited. It cannot be purchased. It is so peculiarly individual that each one must achieve it for himself or herself.

"You meet to-day in memory of a noble character—a man who left his imprint on the community and all be-



cause of his character. To-day we're building great buildings, great mansions and we're building up trades and professions, and among other things, we are building character.

"We may be more concerned about the wealth of our children, but there are things we must not forget. The greatest investment any boy or girl can make is the investment of character. Our possessions are left behind when we pass through the portals of death. Character lives. Have you any passion for truth, honesty, integrity, righteousness Then work up character. If you look back over the history of our early ancestors you will find that they were men and women of character. May God help you and me to be worthy of such ancestors."

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The Committee on Necrology, then reported the deaths which occurred since last reunion, through its chairman, Rev. C. H. Slinghoff, pastor of Brownback's Reformed Church.

The deaths reported since last reunion were:

James M. Guest, of Lionville, Pa., September, 1907; aged 83 years.

Henry Grubb Keine, of 616 Huntingdon street, Philadelphia, September 10, 1907; aged 90 years.

Mary Ann Stubblebine, of North Coventry, Pa., April 13, 1908; aged 76 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Sarah Harley, of 507 Lincoln avenue, Pottstown, February 4, 1908; aged 84 years, 10 months and 4 days.

Henry Grobb, of Lincoln Co., Ontario, February 12, 1908; aged 78 years 4 months and 24 days.

Florence Elizabeth Grubb, Pottstown, March 17, 1908; aged 3 years, 3 month and 13 days.

Mary Ann Hallman, near Brownback's Church, May 11, 1908; in 63d year.

Ella E. G. Paul, 454 Douglass street, Reading, Pa., June 13, 1908; aged 43 years.

Edwin S. Grander, Royersford, Pa., June 13, 1908; aged 41 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Willis C. Grander, Temple, Arizona, June 27, 1908; aged 32 years, 1 month and 14 days.

Clyde W. Slifer, near Royersford, Pa., July 26, 1908; aged 2 years, 7 months and 1 day.

Arthur L. Slifer, Royersford, Pa., July 28, 1908; aged 18 months.

Katie T. (Alderfer) Slifer, Royersford, Pa., July 3, 1908; aged 22 years, 8 months and 23 days.

Peter Grubb Mowrey, Pottstown, June 30, 1908; aged 77 years, 9 months and 14 days.

William Heck, near Parkerford, Pa., September 30, 1908; aged 68 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Mary Grubb Myers, Rutledge, Pa., October 18, 1908; aged, 18 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Letters of regret were read from the following: R. M. Grubb, Keezletown, Va.; George W. Grubb, Boonton, N. J.; Mrs. Catharine G. Miller, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Wilson Stearly, Philadelphia; J. W. Albright, Hamilton, Ontario; Charles Brobb, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; Mrs. Orpha G. Smith, Toronto, Ontario; A. C. Ness, Port Dalhousie, Ontario; Mrs. Frank Culp, St. Catharines, Ontario; Jacob F. Grobb, Hamilton, Ontario; Miss Nancy E. Jones, Sweetwater, Tennessee.

The Grubb Family, though the name being variously spelled, is an honored one in many countries and its people are God-fearing and pious. As early as 1200 the family was prominent in England and had representatives in Parliament. And as early as 1000 the family is found in Denmark as an honored noble family, as the records in the archives at Copenhagen amply prove. It is generally accepted to be a fact that the Grubbs, Grobs, Krupps, including the German gunmaker of the latter name, are all one family.



The first Grubb to come to this country was John Grubb, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1652. He came to America from Wiltshire, England, in 1677 and landed in New Jersey. In 1679, he bought land in Upland, now Chester, Pa. In 1681, he settled at Grubb's Landing on the Delaware and gave it its name. From 1692 to 1700, he was a member of Penn's Assembly. In 1693, he was commissioned a justice of New Castle, Delaware. He died in 1708. His son Emanuel, born in 1682, was the first white male child born in Penn's Province.

In 1717, Henry Grubb, the father of Abraham Grubb, over whose grave the memorial stone was erected and unveiled, October 24, 1908, came with a number of his brethern in the faith—Mennonites—from Switzerland, and settled in Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. A deed bearing date, September 27, 1718 shows that he purchased 150 acres of land from David Powell in Frederick Township.

Henry Grubb was married to Catharine, daughter of Thomas Addis. To this union seven children were born, namely, Henry, Conrad, Abraham, Jacob, George, John and Elizabeth.

HENRY was married to Anna Maria — and had three children.

CONRAD married Anna Maria —, no issue.

JACOB married Barbara — and had three children.

ABRAHAM married Elizabeth Frey, the daughter of Henry Frey, one of the first German settlers in Pennsylvania. They had ten children, Hannah, Catharine, Conrad, Henry, Elizabeth, Esther, Abraham (died, aged about 3 years), David, Abraham and Susanna the two later emigrated to Canada in 1800, where their descendants number many hundreds, and are among the most honored families of the Province.

JOHN married Anneline Christman and had a number of

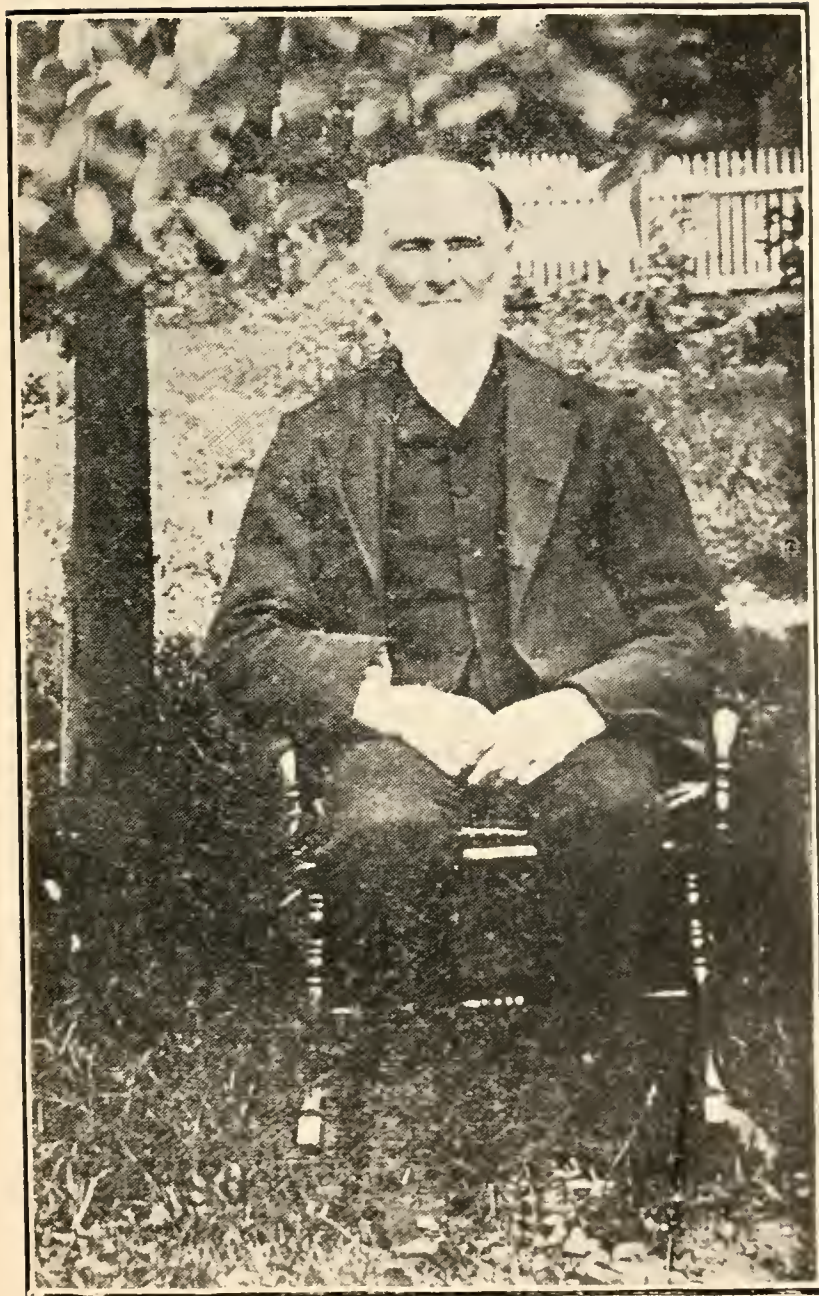
children.

ELIZABETH married first a Mr. Addis, and second, Martin, son of Rev. Martin Umer, a Dunkard minister.

GEORGE married Mary —— and had one son.

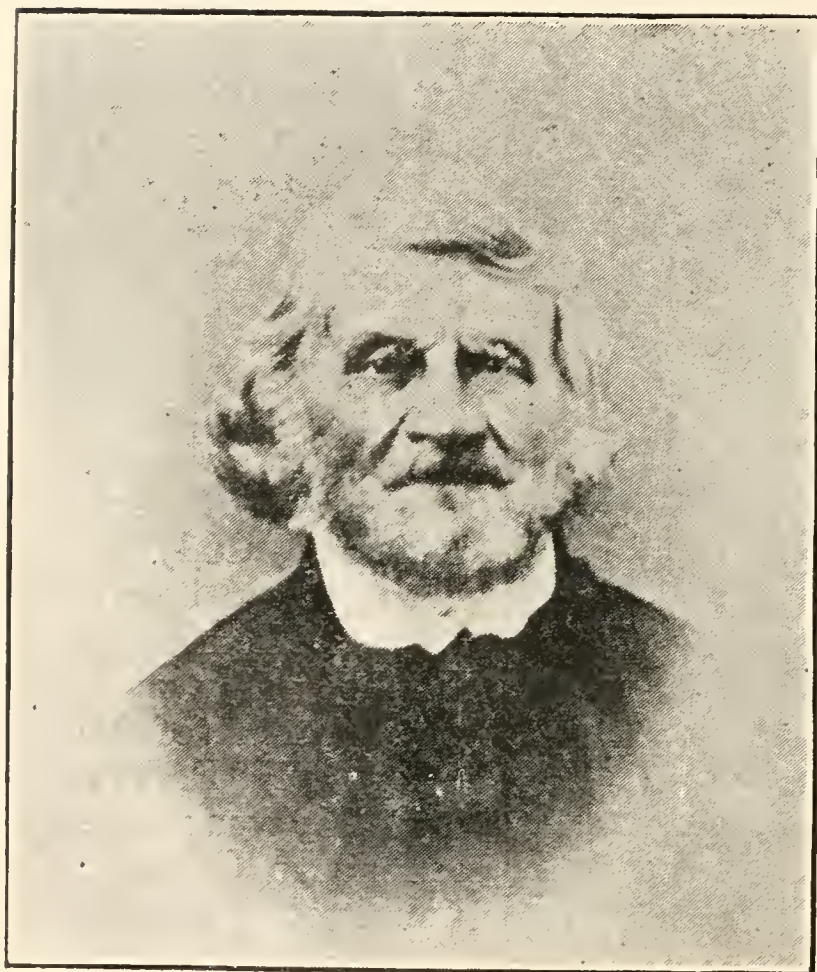
Pictures of some of the earlier Grubbs are fortunately preserved and it is the desire of the Executive Committee of the Association, that such pictures be preserved, as also old papers, book and family records; and where persons are willing to entrust them to the Association, they will be carefully preserved for the interest and benefit of future generations.





**MOSES GRUBB**

Moses Grubb was the ninth child of David and Mary (Harley) Grubb, and grandson of Abraham and Elizabeth (Frey) Grubb, and great-grandson of Henry Grubb, the pioneer. He was born Dec. 18, 1807, and died April 30, 1895. He was married first to Hannah, daughter of Henry Rixtine. Only one son was born to them, Henry R. Grubb, and was the grandfather of Mrs. George F. P. Wanger. He was married second to Catharine, daughter of John and Eva Hunsberger; third, he married Ann, daughter of William and Mary Stubblebine, and widow of Daniel Penner.



DAVID GRUBB

David Grubb, a great-grandson of Henry Grubb, was born May 20, 1774; married Elizabeth Grubb, a greatgrand-daughter of Henry Grubb. Four of their children were married to Grubbs.

David Grubb died February 13, 1816. His wife was born July 31, 1783, and died November 25, 1857.





**PETER GRUBB**

Peter Grubb was the sixth child of David and Mary Harley Grubb, and a great-grandson of Henry Grubb, the pioneer. He was born August 22, 1801, and died May 22, 1882. He was married to Catharine Grubb, whose parents were David and Elizabeth (Grubb) Grubb, a granddaughter of David and Catharine (Harwick) Grubb. She was a great-great-granddaughter of Henry Grubb, the pioneer. She was born Sept. 17, 1806, and died October 27, 1864. Both are buried at Union Meeting House, Parkerford, Pa.



**CATHARINE GRUBB**

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